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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no Government College of Physical Education. But my own impression is that this college is running well and I do not think there is any need to take over this institution by Government."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" What are the special factors which induced the Government to locate the new college in Coimbatore district? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"There are no special factors. The Ramakrishna Vidyalaya made an offer to start this institution and they are getting aid from the Government of India to put up the buildings. We have recognized that. That offer was accepted and we have directed them to locate the college there."

Number of pending cases in the High Court of Madras.

* 330 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the number of cases, both civil and criminal, pending in the High Court of Madras up to date, the year when they were filed and the nature of the suits?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A statement[a] showing the pendency of civil and criminal cases on the Original and Appellate Sides of the High Court, Madras, as on the 1st March 1955, year-war, has been printed and placed on the table of the House."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" May I know the cause of so much delay in disposing of these cases? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The cases have to be heard and disposed of. That is the cause for dealy."

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" Is there not progressive increase in the pendency of cases year by year? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think there has been any progressive increase. Still it is bad enough. I find from the figures given that the High Court is now dealing with 1950 appeals, .i.e, a pendency of nearly four or five years. I am sure the High Court will take notice of this. Now that they are getting some relief because of the transfer of Original Side cases to the City Civil Court, and they will be able to dispose of a greater number of appeals and I am sure the pendency will decrease."

SRI V: V. RAMASWAMI :—" ஹைக்கோர்ட் ஜெட்ஜுகளின் எண்ணிக்கையை கூட்டுவதற்கு சர்க்காருக்கு உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" குறைப்பதற்கு உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறதே தவிர கூட்டுவதற்கு உத்தேசம் இல்லை."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 256-257 infra.

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SRI S. NARSAPAYA :—" In view of the long pendency of cases, does the Government propose to make an addition to the High Court Judges at least on a temporary basis? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Perhaps the hon. member did not follow my answer in Tamil. I do not think there is any reason for increasing the number of Judges. On the other hand, we have given an undertaking that the next two vacancies which might be caused by retirement, we will not fill up."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" In view of the fact that there are many cases pending, will the Government reconsider their decision regarding non-filling of these vacancies and at least appoint a few temporary Judges till these old cases are disposed of, though not on a permanent basis? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is in consultation with the Chief Justice that we have taken this decision and no representation has come from the Chief Justice of the High Court that there is any case for the increase in the number of judges. My own impression is that after these Original Side cases are transferred to the City Civil Court, there is relief as far as Original Side civil work is concerned and when the contemplated Bill for transferring the sessions work to a District Judge here is passed there will be 2 or 3 more Judges available to dispose of these appeals and other long pending cases."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" After all there are only 278 Original Side cases and that is not a big number. The number seems to be very huge running to four digits in the case of first appeals, second appeals and civil revision petitions."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry the hon. Member is only a doctor. O.S.A. means Original Side appeals. The number of Original Side suits are not given here."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" When do the Government contemplate to have the sessions work transferred from the High Court to the District Court? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Bill for that purpose will be published very soon."

[Note.— An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

3-20 p.m. MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated the 6th August 1955, from the Hon. the Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly :—

' In accordance with rule 138 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the motion passed to-day by the Madras Legislative Assembly, desiring to obtain the concurrence of the Council in setting up a Joint Select Committee of the two Houses to consider the Madras Cultivating Tenants Protection Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 11 of 1955):